IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A system for managing patent application data via the Internet, comprising:

a matter module, the matter module operable to manage data relating to patent matters, the managed data comprising docketing data;

a tasks module, the tasks module operable to manage tasks related to each matter managed by the matter module, the tasks comprising docketing tasks; and

a security module, the security module operable to restrict Internet access to patent application task and matter data management to selected system users; and

a messaging module operable to provide messaging to users of the system, wherein the messaging comprises automated messages to particular users, the messages relating to matters and tasks associated with the particular users and stored in a manner searchable and retrievable by matter.

2.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein managing data relating to patent matters comprises creating new patent matter data.

3.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein managing data relating to patent matters comprises retrieving patent matter data.

4.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein managing data relating to patent matters comprises editing patent matter data.

5.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein managing tasks related to managed matters comprises automated creation of tasks.

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6.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein managing tasks related to managed matters comprises user creation of tasks.

7.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein managing tasks related to managed matters comprises retrieving tasks for a particular matter.

8.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein managing tasks related to managed matters comprises retrieving tasks for a particular user.

9.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein managing tasks related to managed matters comprises retrieving tasks for a particular organization.

10.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein managing tasks related to managed matters comprises editing tasks.

11.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein managing tasks related to managed matters comprises viewing a calendar of tasks.

12.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the security module requires a user to log in before granting access to matter or task data, and wherein the security module further grants the logged in user access only to those matters and tasks to which the user has been granted access.

13.   (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein users are granted access to matters and tasks by the creator of each matter or task.

14-15. (Cancelled)

16.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[14]] 1, wherein the messaging comprises a user sending messages to other users.

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17.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[14]] 1, wherein the messaging module is further operable to send electronic mail (e-mail) to users, the e-mail comprising information relating to the user=s role in managed tasks and matters.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the system comprises a World-Wide Web site (Internet web site).

19.   (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the web site comprises application server pages.

20.   (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the web site comprises Java server pages.

21.   (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the system further comprises a database for managing patent application data.

22.   (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the system comprises multiple databases and is able to exchange data between the multiple databases.

23.   (Original) The system of claim 22, the system further operable to synchronize data in the databases by publishing changes to one database to other associated databases within the system.

24.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein multiple matters may be associated with each other, such that data relating to one of the multiple matters will be visible when viewing data relating to another of the multiple matters.

25 - 96. (Cancelled)